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Customer No. 000027683

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Merkin, Cynthia M., et al.

Serial No. 09/770,569

Examiner: Cao, Chun

Filed: January 26, 2001

Group Art Unit: 2115

For: AUTOMATICALLY INITIATING A
MANUFACTURING MODE OF A SYSTEM
FIRMWARE [AS AMENDED]

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In response to the Final Office action dated November 12, 2004, enclosed are the following regarding the above-identified patent application:

1. Amendment and Request for Reconsideration Under 37 CFR §1.116;
2. Return postcard; and
3. Transmittal letter.

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Respectfully submitted,

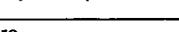


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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed November 12, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1, 10, 19 and 28 are amended and claims 1-30 remain in the application. Re-examination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are requested.